

Edwards: Johnson County to Receive \$191,643 in Stimulus Funding for Local Law Enforcement

(Washington, D.C.) – United States Representative Chet Edwards announced today that Johnson County local law enforcement will receive \$191,643 in funding from the Stimulus legislation signed by the President on February 17th. These funds will be distributed through the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program to the Johnson County Sheriff's Department, the City of Cleburne police department and the City of Burleson police department.

"Ensuring the safety of our communities is one of my top priorities," said Edwards. "These funds will help our sheriff's office and police departments hire more officers, upgrade equipment, and keep our streets and law enforcement personnel safe."

The JAG program allows local governments to engage in a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and improve their criminal justice system. It provides counties and cities wide flexibility to prioritize their needs and place justice funds where they are most needed. The grant award may be used to help pay for new personnel, law enforcement programs, prevention programs, multi-jurisdictional drug task forces, or technology improvement projects.

"Creating jobs and protecting our families from criminals are positive uses of federal stimulus funds," concluded Edwards.

This recent set of JAG grants will provide the Johnson County Sheriff's Department with \$89,965. The City of Cleburne will receive \$74,347 and the City of Burleson will receive \$27,331.

Cleburne Chief of Police Terry Powell said, "We at the Cleburne Police Department are extremely grateful to Congressman Edwards and his staff for continuing his fight for Law Enforcement at the local level. These monies will help fund new operations and technologies to ensure the safety of our citizens."

Tom Cowan, the Burleson Chief of Police, commented on the funds saying, "We in the Burleson Police Department are looking forward to receiving BJA JAG recovery funding recently allocated to our department. We will utilize the funding in a manner that will provide the greatest benefit to our citizens."